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Athletic Facility Improvement Grants Award Recipients Announced

For the third straight year, the Injury Prevention Program at the Union County Health Department is partnering with local recreational organizations, youth leagues, and schools to improve the safety of young athletes through the Athletic Facility Improvement Projects. All Union County athletic organizations were eligible to apply for grant funds to make repairs and improvements to their athletic facilities to reduce the risk of injury.

"This is the third year we've been able to offer mini-grants to local youth athletic groups for the purpose of preventing sports injury. With incidence of youth sports injury continuing to rise across the country, we are excited to be able to once again offer this opportunity," said Elizabeth Fries, Sports Injury Prevention Grant Coordinator for the Union County Health Department.

Nine organizations submitted applications in 2012.

We will be funding three projects in 2012. These projects include:

- St. Paul Lutheran School will be receiving $1500 to purchase tumbling mats and make improvements in their gymnasium.
- The North Union Little League will be receiving $1200 to build a safety fence at Monroe Field in Richwood.
- The Central Ohio Youth Center will be receiving $1500 to make improvements and repairs to their basketball court.

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All improvements will be made during the summer and early fall of 2012. The updated facilities will be completed by November 2012.

This is an annual project. The next application period will open in January 2013 and materials will be available through the UCHD website.

For more information, contact the Union County Health Department at 937-642-2053, or email the Sports Injury Prevention Program Coordinator Elizabeth Fries at elizabeth.fries@health.co.union.oh.us.

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